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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: MAY 27 PRESS STATEMENT

PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE EMBASSY 1300 MAY 27 WITH

FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION: QUOTE: TO ANSWER THE MANY QUERIES

WE HAVE HAD ON THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

IN THE KIDNAPPING CASE INVOLVING THE THREE AMERICAN STUDENTS

IN TANZANIA AND TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT WE ARE ISSUING

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: UNQUOTE.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CASES INVOLVING THE KIDNAPPING OF U.S. CITIZENS ABROAD IS

THE FREEDOM AND SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGES. UNDER PRINCIPLES OF

CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR

COPING WITH THE KIDNAPPERS AND EFFECTING THE SAFE RELEASE OF

THE HOSTAGES RESTS WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT, AND ALL NEGOTIA-

TATIONS WITH THE TERRORISTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HOST

GOVERNMENT. FURTHERMORE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESERVES

THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL THE HOST GOVERNMENT ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE

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ASSESSMENT OF THE KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS AND IN THE IMPLEMENTATION

OF WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS ARE ARRIVED AT FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT SUCH RELEASE SHOULD BE OBTAINED BY WHATEVER MEANS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO THE HOSTAGES' WELL BEING, AND IF POSSIBLE WITHOUT PROVIDING AN INCENTIVE FOR FUTURE TERRORISM.

IN THE PRESENT CASE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT VIEW IS THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AS THE HOST GOVERNMENT AND AS THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE CRIME TOOK PLACE. FURTHERMORE, THE RANSOM DEMANDS WERE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA. OF COURSE, SINCE THE KIDNAPPERS CAME FROM ZAIRE, AND THEIR CAMP IS LOCATED THERE, THIS INVOLVES CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE AS WELL.

ADDITIONALLY, AS THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED LAST NIGHT IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE TOWARD ACHIEVING A METHOD OF RECHECKING THE CAPTORS AND ACHIEVING THE RELEASE OF THE THREE REMAINING STUDENTS. THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN TANZANIA, H.E. JAN VAN DEN BERG, IS PARTICIPATING IN ALL OF THE CONSULTATIONS.

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